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Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund Re-issues 3 Popular Nature License Plates *Original designs available July 2*

Frankfort, Ky. (June 27, 2012) – The Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund is re-issuing three past nature license plates: the bobcat on a rhododendron branch, the Viceroy butterfly perched on a goldenrod stem, and the cardinal landing on a Kentucky Coffeetree branch.

These plates will be available for purchase beginning July 2, 2012.

If you are registering a new or out-of-state vehicle in Kentucky for the first time, you can request a nature license plate from your county clerk or motor vehicle dealer. If you lease in Kentucky, you can offer the leasing company a check for the extra charge to get the nature license plate. If you are converting from a regular plate, turn in your plate to your county clerk and you will be given credit for the months remaining on your decal.

When you purchase one of these plates for your car or truck, the extra \$10 fee is used to purchase important natural lands, including state parks, wildlife management areas, and nature preserves. Since 1995, the money raised from these plates has helped purchase and protect more than 77,000 acres in 62 counties.

Cities, counties, universities, conservation districts and other eligible agencies have been awarded grants to purchase and manage significant properties. The Heritage Land Board can approve funding for properties that meet these criteria:

- Natural areas that possess unique features such as habitat for rare and endangered species;
- Areas important to migratory birds;
- Areas that perform important natural functions that are subject to alteration or loss; and
- Areas to be preserved in their natural state for public use, outdoor recreation and education.

For a look at the new plates, a listing of purchased properties and other information, visit the Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund website at <http://heritageland.ky.gov>.

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